

106TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4533

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2000

Mr. BACA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. INLAND EMPIRE REGIONAL WATER RECYCLING**  
4 **PROJECT.**

5 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Reclamation Wastewater  
6 and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (Public Law

1 102–575, title XVI; 43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) is amended  
 2 by adding at the end the following:

3 **“SEC. 1635. INLAND EMPIRE REGIONAL WATER RECYCLING**  
 4 **PROJECT.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in cooperation  
 6 with the Inland Empire Utilities Agency, may participate  
 7 in the design, planning, and construction of the Inland  
 8 Empire regional water recycling project described in the  
 9 report submitted under section 1606.

10 “(b) COST SHARING.—The Federal share of the cost  
 11 of the project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed  
 12 25 percent of the total cost of the project.

13 “(c) LIMITATION.—Funds provided by the Secretary  
 14 shall not be used for operation or maintenance of the  
 15 project described in subsection (a).

16 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
 17 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
 18 \$20,000,000.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
 20 in section 2 of such Act is amended by inserting after the  
 21 item relating to section 1634 the following:

“Sec. 1635. Inland Empire Regional Water Recycling Project.”.

22 **SEC. 2. REGIONAL BRINE LINES.**

23 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Reclamation Wastewater  
 24 and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (Public Law

1 102–575, title XVI; 43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) is further  
2 amended by adding at the end the following:

3 **“SEC. 1636. REGIONAL BRINE LINES.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—

5 “(1) SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.—The Secretary,  
6 in cooperation with units of local government, may  
7 carry out a program under the Federal reclamation  
8 laws to assist agencies in projects to construct re-  
9 gional brine lines to export the salinity imported  
10 from the Colorado River to the Pacific Ocean as  
11 identified in—

12 “(A) the Salinity Management Study pre-  
13 pared by the Bureau of Reclamation; and

14 “(B) the Southern California Comprehen-  
15 sive Water Reclamation and Reuse Study pre-  
16 pared by the Bureau of Reclamation.

17 “(2) SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND SANTA CLARA  
18 VALLEY.—The Secretary may carry out a study of,  
19 and a program under the Federal reclamation laws  
20 to assist water agencies in, projects to construct re-  
21 gional brine lines in the San Francisco Bay area and  
22 the Santa Clara Valley area, California.

23 “(b) AGREEMENTS AND REGULATIONS.—The Sec-  
24 retary may enter into such agreements and promulgate  
25 such regulations as are necessary to carry out this section.

1 “(c) COST SHARING.—

2 “(1) PROJECTS.—The Federal share of the cost  
3 of a project to construct regional brine lines de-  
4 scribed in subsection (a) shall not exceed—

5 “(A) 25 percent of the total cost of the  
6 project; or

7 “(B) \$50,000,000.

8 “(2) STUDY.—The Federal share of the cost of  
9 the study described in subsection (a)(2) shall be 50  
10 percent.

11 “(d) LIMITATION.—Funds provided by the Secretary  
12 shall not be used for operation or maintenance of any  
13 project described in subsection (a).”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
15 in section 2 of such Act is further amended by inserting  
16 after the item relating to section 1635 the following:

“Sec. 1636. Regional brine lines.”.

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